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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRITISH DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE DATED DEC 19
1973:

1. SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BEING REACHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE BAHAMAS, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE
CONTINUED USE OF THE DEFENCE FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS, HMG IS
PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONTINUATION OF THE PAYMENT OF POUNDS 150,000 PER ANNUM AS
PART SERVICE OF THE ATLANTIC UNDERWATER TEST EVALUATION
CENTRE (AUTEC) LOAN UNTIL 1988.

B. SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENT, TO ABSOLVE THE
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BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT FROM ITS CONTINGENT LIABILITY TO REPAY
TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE MONEY, APPROXIMATELY

POUNDS 40,000, ADVANCED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE EASTERN TEST RANGE AND LONG RANGE AID TO NAVIGATION (LORAN) STATION.

C. TO ASSIST THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF ITS POLICE MARINE DIVISION BY PROVIDING AS A FREE GIFT PART OF THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED; IE:

1. 4 X 103 FOOT VOSPER FAST PATROL BOATS:

2. 4 X 60 FOOT VOSPER PATROL CRAFT

AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT 3.5 MILLION POUNDS AT CURRENT PRICES SPREAD OVER 3-5 YEARS FROM FINANCIAL YEAR 1974-75.

D. TO PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE MARINE DIVISION.

E. TO UNDERTAKE HYDROGRAPHIC STUDIES IN BAHAMIAN WATERS, AS MAY BE AGREED, AND TO MAKE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE TO THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT.

F. TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ON SITE AND UK TRAINING OF BAHAMIAN PERSONNEL IN HYDROGRAPHIC WORK.

G. TO RELEASE TO THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT THE RECENT AERIAL SURVEY PHOTOS OF THE ISLANDS AND, OVER A PERIOD, TO MAKE FURTHER SURVEYS, AS MAY BE AGREED

H. TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY THE BAHAMAS' NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FIELDS OTHER THAN POLICE TRAINING.

I. FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS TO CONTINUE TO SAIL HM SHIPS FROM TIME TO TIME IN BAHAMIAN WATERS, BUT WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO DO MORE THAN WARN INTRUDERS AND TO ADVISE THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT.

J. TO CONSIDER "WITH SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING" THE BAHAMAS' VIEWS ON LAW OF THE SEA.

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K. TO MAKE THE FACILITIES OF NO 1 JRS AVAILABLE TO THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR AND AGREED CIRCUMSTANCES.

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